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Editorial Comment

COMMENDATION

A word of praise is due those responsible for having Christmas lights and a lighted Christmas tree in Appomattox this year. The addition this year, it added color and spirit to the appearance of the town, and elicited widespread favorable comment. The lights will be preserved, and added to from one Christmas season to another.

Also, a hand should go to the Lions Club for arranging for the appearance of Santa Claus here last Saturday.

STAR PERFORMANC

The citizens of Appomattox are gratified to read that the work being done here in the community cannery and in the workshop of the school department of vocational agriculture are being given national publicity. An article on the subject appeared in "The Country Gentleman" magazine and has been revised and condensed for the January issue of the "Readers Digest."

A profit motifts honor in his own country, and we congratulate Mr. W. C. Dudley and the many others who have given such a successful performance of a job well, that the achievement and position as a pattern for other localities.

THE DIGNITY OF MAN

Human rights have not always been sacred. There was a time when life was woefully cheap, when property rights were all that mattered.

In those Dark Ages men lived and died with far less knowledge of what the rest of the world was like than a seven year old child knows today. Few could read. Bibles were chained to pulpits for the exclusive use of the clergy. And man was chained too, chained to the twin pillars of poverty and ignorance.

Man has come a long way since then. His children are entitled to a decent education. It is his privilege to share in the responsibilities of government. The Bible is to be found in almost every home.

Yet it is through no accident that man has achieved his present dignity. Man's freedom is closely bound to the greater availability of a common commodity, paper.

With the coming of paper came man's thirst for knowledge. Schools sprang up. The Bible was printed. Newspapers and books followed. Every great invention has it roots in the wisdom preserved on paper. Our people are linked into a single unit in everything from education to commerce by paper, paperboard and other pulpwood products.

Mankind has won the battle for human dignity. But the battle against poverty, ignorance and disease is scarcely begun. To win it man must fight with textbooks, through the medium of the press, with the filter and blue print papers of the laboratory, with sanitary packaging. In fact, man must fight it with all the millions of uses to which paper has been adapted in its battles for human progress.

Mankind is not licked. Mankind will win this battle too. And that is one reason why it is important that mills get all the top quality pulpwood they need NOW. It is why the joint recruitment campaign for new woods and mill jobs now being conducted by the pulp and paper industry and the U. S. Employment Service must receive our wholehearted support.

Bomb Tests At Sea

From Winchester Star

Because every precaution should be taken in advance against clashing interpretations of the results, it is good news that the Army and Navy have agreed to conduct joint tests of atomic bombs against Naval vessels. Cooperation between the services should insure an experiment that will provide trustworthy evidence of the efficacy of this weapon in naval warfare and permit valid conclusions to be drawn on the role of sea power in the atomic age.

It is good news, too, that the two departments apparently contemplate making a thorough job of this particular endeavor. The planning is already under way but the announcement notes that it involves large problems of logistics, including the assembly of many naval vessels, extensive in-

Punching the Clock

Minute Make-Ups

By GABRIELLE

Adopt the arm movements of tennis for your Minute Exercise! Use the forehand and backhand strokes, the serve. Use both hands alternately. Swimming exercises, too, can be done wherever you are and whenever you can. And proper breathing and posture will make your exercises really work!

Ledger Syndicate.—WNU Features.

Disabled Veterans Are Proving Skill as Drivers

SACRAMENTO.—Disabled veterans graduating from the driver training courses in six army and navy hospitals in the state are rocking high in drivers' license tests, the state department of motor vehicles said. Less than 3 per cent are rejected.

The behind-the-wheel instruction is given under the supervision of the department in training cars donated to the hospitals by the American Legion auxiliary.

Russ Flier Drops 42,000 Feet to Chute Record

LONDON, ENGLAND. — The Moscow radio reported Maj. Vassili Rogov, Russian airman, had set "a new world record for a delayed parachute jump," leaping from 12,800 meters (42,000 feet), with the parachute opening only when he was 800 meters (2,625 feet) from the ground.

Faille Hostess Gown

For entertaining at home, this full-skirted hostess gown, fashioned with black faille bodice and pink-and-black plaid faille skirt, is most attractive. The shoulders are broad with a drop effect. It has a large plaid bow tie which is snapped in place.

Read the Classified Ads!

Give a Victory Bond!

Take My Word For It!

By FRANK COLBY

I'M FLABBERGASTED!

Not long ago I commented on the queer notion that only persons or live animals can "lie" or "sit," and that inanimate objects can "lay" or "set." I pointed out the absurdity of such a rule and wondered if some recently published textbook had gone off the deep end by teaching it.

There apparently is something wrong somewhere, for many of my readers have since told me that, grammatically, only live persons and animals can lie or sit. A typical letter comes from R. E. S. of Los Angeles (California 43): "The rule which has been quoted to me by English teachers in high school and college is that inanimate objects cannot 'lie' or 'sit.' Thus, your 'correct' sentence, 'The book is sitting on the table,' is incorrect, as the book has no mechanism to sit."

To say that a book cannot sit, because it has no knees and hips to bend, is as ridiculous as saying that there is no such thing as standing water, since water has no feet, that a clock cannot run down since it has "no mechanism (feet and legs)" for running, or that time has no wings for flying.

I hope that some member of the English Department at the University of California will write to assure me that no such nonsense is being taught there.

Inanimate objects have been sitting and lying since the very beginning of English:

"O little town of Bethlehem! How still we see thee lie." —Phillip Brooks.

"It lies around us like a cloud, a world we do not see."—Harriet Beecher Stowe.

"The beauty which old Greece or Rome sung, painted, wrought, lies close at home."—Whittier.

"Sits the wind in that corner?"—Shakespeare.

"A coat sits well or ill."—Merriam Webster's.

Houston: is there a "cog" in "cognizance"?—D. C. D.

Answer: Yes. The prevailing American pronunciation is: KOG-ni-z'nss. The "i" is flat as in "nip."

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.

"GAY GADGETS"

Associated Newspapers—WNU Features

By NANCY PEPPER

Party Wise

Your big moment has arrived when the doorbell starts to ring and the guests start trailing in. Anything can happen from there on. For instance, the boys can all gather in one corner to snicker and stare while the girls all huddle in another corner to giggle and gush. That's bad! Or, the party can shoot right off with a bang and keep on hitting the target until train time. But—very few parties are self starters. It's up to the hostess to push the right buttons.

Designing Dames—Pair off your guests in couples and equip every

girl with sheets of newspaper and a paper of pins. She must whip up a smart newspaper dress for her partner within a stipulated time. No fair jabbing him in the ribs, even if he is a Droon (that's a cross between a Drip and a Goon and twice as bad as either!) Then there's a fashion parade with the newspaper clad boys acting as models. The best outfit wins prizes for the designing girl and the boy who models her creation.

Sweet Serenade—Wait until you hear the wolves howling on this one. Every boy receives a piece of paper with a popular song title written on it. Somewhere in the room waits a gal with the same song title. He must go around singing his song until he finds the girl he's serenading. Then, of course, they pair off for a dance. Just imagine 10 or 12 boys all yodeling different songs at the same time.

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TRIXIE TEEN SAYS—

Does Your Leading Man give forth with long, low whistles at the mention of Lauren Bacall? Does he cry, "Geronimo" every time he sees a picture of Lana Turner in front of a movie theater? Is he thunder of Betty Grable smooch to make him yell and you home to experiment with new makeups and find fault with your hairdos. He may like to watch those gals on the screen, but it's your head he'll be holding while he looks at them!

PETER B. PEEVE

Few Veterans Can Wear Old 'Civies'

Find Army Life Has Altered G.I. Joes' Contours.

CHICAGO — Army life has so transformed the contours of G.I. Joe that not one serviceman in 100 can wear the clothes he left behind.

This is the consensus among State street merchants who are working feverishly to satisfy the pleas of discharged vets for "anything I can get to fit—gotta get out of this uniform in 48 hours."

Staff Sgt. Earl J. Goetz, 28, of 8220 Rhodes avenue, is typical.

"I didn't know I was a growing boy when I joined the army," he said, "but Uncle Sam stretched my height two inches up to 5 feet 11½. I also gained 20 pounds.

"The moths can have my old clothes."

Goetz wanted a blue pin-striped suit, singlebreasted, like we used to see in Esquire and dream about owning during those 28 months in the Aleutians.

Goetz's salesman agreed that many of his customers have stretched one to three inches.

"We're all out of suits for tall men," he said. "Nothing left but 'stylish stouts.'"

When a serviceman has a choice of apparel, his taste leans to the conservative, said the buyer for a clothing house.

"Occasionally one will go hog wild and bedeck himself in all the colors of the rainbow," he said, "but the majority have quiet tastes."

Julius Goodman, discharged sailor of 1612 W. Washington blvd., bought a blue suit.

"I didn't plan it that way," he said, "but made the mistake of buying shirts, ties and socks to harmonize with some old blue suits.

"Then I found the weight I had acquired through regular meals and lots of sleep knocked the dickens out of my wardrobe."

U. S. Army Gadget Fouled Enemy's Plane Radars

BEDFORD, IND.—Enemy airmen attacking American positions during the latter stages of the war were fooled into believing their radar equipment was faulty by means of the army's RCM (radar countermeasure) gadget, James Guyton, radio engineer for the Delco radio division of General Motors corporation, declared.

He said the RCM created a noise similar to static on a stock radio in the radar sets of attacking planes, disrupting the flow of beams to and from their radar sets and causing them to think the radar was broken. He said the gadget was 50 per cent effective in causing enemy planes to miss bombing and strafing targets.

He said the instrument was developed at Harvard university and produced at the Delco radio division of General Motors.

Yanks Plant American Flag on Fujiyama Crest

TOKYO—Old Glory flies from Fujiyama—planted there September 21 by a valiant band of 10 officers and enlisted men of the 27th infantry division after a tortuous climb in snow, wind, hail, fog, and rain.

The race atmosphere of the top of Japan's 12,635 foot sacred mountain played tricks on their vision, the climbers said. Stones and shoes appeared green-blue. Eyeballs burned. Heavy fog cut their vision to **arm's** length.

Fourteen set out to make the climb. Two aggravated old leg injuries and were forced to turn back. Two others turned back to help the injured down the mountainside. Among those to complete the trek were Lt. Ralph P. Wright, Peoria, Ill., Pfc. Richard Burwick, Lansing, Mich., and Sgt. Robert Mallicoat, Jacksonville, Ill.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D. of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Released by Western Newspaper Union.

Lesson for December 30

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WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIANS

LESSON TEXT—Acts 10:34-43.

GOLDEN TEXT—The same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.—Romans 10:12.

Fellowship is impossible where there is prejudice and intolerance. The world is full of it even today after we have fought a global war to stop such inhumanity of man to man.

It would be a surprise even to some Christians merely to learn that "God is no respecter of persons" (v. 34). He is not so considered because he is of a favored race, color, education or social position.

God created all men. He loves all men. Christ died for all men, and every Christian ought to be deeply concerned that all men may hear about their Saviour and come to know the love of God.

The church of Christ has its greatest opportunity now to show that the things it professes to believe actually work in the relationship of man to man. They will work if we will only let them! Our lesson presents:

I. Principle—God is No Respecter of Persons (vv. 34, 35).

Peter had learned about God's love for the Gentiles by the vision given him concerning Cornelius. (Read Acts 10:1-33.)

Peter was a Jew, and God now used this vision to teach him a much needed lesson about the carrying of the gospel to the Gentiles. The Jews were (and still are—let us remember it) God's chosen people. However, they were not chosen for their own comfort, convenience or gain, but that they might be channels for the outflowing of God's blessing to all nations.

Cornelius was typical of those in every nation who are ready for the preaching of the gospel. He was a God-fearing, righteous man, nonetheless in need of redemption. God brought this man, who was ready to receive the message, together with the man Peter, who was prepared to preach it, and the result was salvation.

Whatever it may be that keeps us from carrying the gospel to nations, we ought to recognize as unchristian, and put it aside. Let us face prejudice, for it still exists; but it may be an equally big sin by indifference to the needs of others. Let us, like Peter, go to them and open our mouths (v. 34) to proclaim Christ.

II. Practice—Jesus Did God Is All (vv. 36-43).

The attributes of God are always active. He not only is good, He does good. So the principle, "no respecter of persons," is perfectly exemplified in our Lord Jesus who "went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil," and we are told plainly the atmosphere on the earth "all."

The death of Christ for their sins (v. 39). His resurrection from the dead for their justification (v. 40), the coming judgment for sin (v. 42), and the remission of sins in His name—these are the essentials of Peter's message.

Note how plain is the truth. Jesus has come and has wrought redemption for all who will believe. We must choose whether we want Him to be our Judge or our Saviour. Either He is your Saviour, or He will be your judge. (John 3:17, 18.)

The proclamation of this message of redemption was never completed, even "while Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon them all" (v. 44). Blessed interruption! Would that we might have more like it in our churches and Bible schools!

This leads up to our last point, namely, that we have a

III. Privilege—We Are to Preach to All People (vv. 42, 43).

Yes, it is a command (Matt. 28:19, 20), but it is also an inestimable privilege to be called of God to tell all nations about the One in whom they have "remission of sins."

Let us preach that message. Both reviews, political addresses, discussion of civic or social problems will not bring the result Peter and others did unless they have discussion groups—unless they have for their subject the Word of God. We need not expect anything like this to happen.

Preaching of the Word of God concerning the person and work of Christ, whether it be in a sermon like that of Cornelius or at a group in a cathedral (and thank God, some of them do have such preaching) will result in some souls coming to Christ and receiving the Holy Spirit.

It is worthy of note that those who receive gave evidence of their new-found spiritual life by speaking with God, obeying His word, and testifying to others. It is the combination of Peter and his companions that they recognized the workings of God's grace in the lives of these Gentiles.

May we also be quick to see, appreciate and encourage every true gospel work. Let us not be so interested in our own people or with some other race, whether in our church or in some humble cottage. "God is no respecter of persons."

BIG TOWN

ADVENTURES [illegible] for his assistants, as well as his radio [illegible] times are in store for him, and for his assistants, as well as his radio audience. Anne-Marie Gayer, who worked her way through Northwestern College as a radio actress is one of Steve Wilson's assistants as he delves behind the headlines of Big Town's Illustrated Press. The dramatic adventures of "Big Town," are broadcast each Tuesday at 8 P. M. on WRVA.

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RICHWOOD NEWS

Richwood, Dec. 26.- Congratulations, Frances, on your prize. All say that the name, "Richwood," is a beautiful one and very appropriate.

Christmas day passed off very quietly at Richwood on account of the bad weather.

We are glad to see Herbert Lee up and around after his recent illness.

It has been suggested that the "booby prize" be awarded anyone having his car out of commission more than G. P. Brannan.

Floyd Trent spent the week-end in Lynchburg.

A.N Jack M. Hamilton, U. S. N R., of Pensacola, Fla. is visiting in the home of D. A. Pugh.

Massey Fern offers a wager that Paul Sawyer, Bolar, cannot make more logs than any team in the country.

Miss Elvira Harvey is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Harvey.

We welcome two new families into the community of Richwood: Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Powell and children and Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Fleshman and family.

Edward Mann and Raymond Mann spent last Friday in Lynchburg.

Esmond Pugh is able to be at work again after having a bad case of blood poison in his left arm and hand.

Phone 30 with Personals.

Give a Victory Bond!

Secretary of State Byrnes will leave Moscow today for return to United States.

Fred Woolridge says to bring on the electric line so that his hens can see how to lay.

Courtney Harvey, who saws wood for the neighborhood, is snowed in and as the result some of us are being forced to go to bed early.

J. H. Fleshman was shopping in Appomattox last week.

Richard Erno is sick with flu. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

We are glad to hear that Miss Mavis Wooldridge, who has had a sore throa, is out again.

John Wooldridge says he has no more hog livers.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks were shopping in Appomattox.

We are glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coff[illegible] recover[illegible] ing flu. Also Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mayberry.

Those visiting in the home of D. A. Pugh Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harvey, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Marsh and daughter, Mary Frances, of Altavista, Jack Hamilton and G. P. Brannan.

Town Marshal Sells His Station in Five Minutes

GOSPORT, IND.—Town Marshal Ed Burton bought a filling station, but operated it only five minutes.

He opened his doors and began sweeping out the station, when R. H. Hancock, his first customer, ordered gasoline and then bought the business.

Burton put on his hat and left, and Hancock finished the sweeping.

Hide Allied Plans, Employ Code Names

General Marshall Discloses How Foe Was Fooled.

WASHINGTON. — Code names helped cloak the great strategic plans of the Allies in secrecy.

They came to light in the biennial report of General Marshall, woven into his account of the campaigns in Africa, Europe, Asia and the Pacific.

One of them was "operation sledgehammer," an attack that never came off, a plan for a diversionary assault on the French coast in 1942 or early 1943. It was intended for use as a desperate measure to relieve German pressure on the Russian front.

And then there was "operation roundup," the designation for the first plan, in 1942, for a cross-channel invasion of Europe. That eventually became "operation overlord" of 1944, with the landing in Normandy.

Here are some of the other code names for operations:

torch.—The North African landing.

husky.—The invasion of Sicily.

avalanche—The landings on the mainland of Italy.

anvil—Southern France.

grapeshot—The cleanup campaign in northern Italy.

capital—The Allied recapture of Burma.

galvanic — The Gilbert Islands campaign.

flintlock—The Marshall Islands.

forger—The Marianas.

olympic—The planned invasion of Kyushu, southernmost of the Japanese home islands.

coronet—The projected invasion of the main island of Honshu.

The various conferences held by the chiefs of state of the great Allied powers had their code designations, too.

"Trident" was the meeting of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and the combined chiefs of staff of the two nations at Washington in May, 1943.

"Quadrant" was the first Quebec conference of the President and prime minister, "octagon" the second.

"Sextant" was the Cairo conference and "argonaut" the Yalta meeting.

Army Officer Relates How Hitler Trusted No One

NEW YORK. — Distrust among leading figures of the Nazi hierarchy was so rife that Hitler was even suspicious of his girl friend, Eva Braun, according to an American army officer who returned here with troops on the transport Frederick Victory.

Col. Preston I. C. Murphy of Fort Collins, Colo., a regimental commander in the Forty-fifth infantry division, said he lived in the reichsführer's apartment in Munich prior to the fall of Berlin, and that while it had private telephone connections with Eva Braun's apartment she could not call him direct. Hitler could call her on the direct line, but if she wanted to talk to him her call was placed through the Gestapo, Colonel Murphy said.

"He trusted no one, not even his sweetheart," he declared.

Colonel Murphy said other telephone wires in the Nazi chief's private apartment included a direct line to Berlin. He succeeded in putting a call through to besieged Berlin, but the voice on the other end was indistinguishable.

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